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In re the Application of: **ITO, Suguru et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1713

Serial No.: 10/089,104

Examiner: **Robert D. Harlan**

Filed: **April 15, 2002**

**P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 7693**

For: **RUBBER, RUBBER COMPOSITION, AND CROSSLINKED OBJECT**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 23, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **August 25, 2003**, extended to **January 25, 2004** by a two-month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows: